

Conjuncture obtains 13 July 1777

Dear Harry

I am surpris'd and grieved that I have heard
nothing from you for two weeks past - surely
you must have been out of Town so late
& that I turn all the accusations against you
which you urg'd against me on a similar
occasion? no I will never accuse my friend partly
unlike himself. his other engagements must have
been indispensable - What think you
of the evacuation of Fort Mifflin and the standing
Menikote of the treacherous Burgoyne army
to us the evacuation is unexplicable - we have
not one single circumstance at this distance
to justify it - General Schuyler, deserves
having the least hand in it in the most
positive manner and yet we suffer from
Judgements untill we hear of his reasons. this
is but fair - for however dreadful the
Consequences, yet if he was not able to
stand an attack he is not responsible for
them - if he has saved the men it is a
great thing

I have received the elegant copy by Mr. Mifflin
of the history of the history of our country

I fully enter to you my friend that this is the most
severe stroke received in the present contest — and
yet we may by an exertion derive great benefit from
it. New England must immediately furnish an ten
thousand Lib. hardy militia, these with the Continental
troops under Mr. Chauncey will make a
very formidable body of troops and be sufficient
to check the progress of Mr. Burgoyne, it is not
sufficient to stop his progress yet sufficient to
his communication with his fleet — the common
saying not to despair must pervade all ranks at
this time and he who thought to get thro' this
contest without some severe sacrifice is surely
never considered the much the mutability of War —

General Howe is on the point of a move
and we suppose up the north River — to what
place we intend as soon as it is fair, but have
been obliged to halt here on account of the badness
of the weather — arrangements for our march
are now made — we are now about two days march
from hence — and Mr. Howe shall not go up
without a very warm dispute — This campaign
will be important in every point of view. I think
more decisive on the part of Great Britain
Adieu my friend Wm

I hereby appoint and constitute Tolmy J. J. J.
Lieut. to be my agent in a private ship &
those fitting out by Messrs. Jackson, Lee & Co.
at Newburyport, to pay to them all such monies
as shall be demanded of him by them as Expenses
or disbursements of one thirty second part of said
Ship and to receive of them all such parts &
proportions of prizes as I shall be entitled to
from one thirty second part of said Ship

Thos

Compton Plains N Jersey - 13 July 1771

Wm Lloyd Garrison with the money

Letter from my
Friend Mr

July 13. 1777

Colonel Harry Jackson
Boston

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